

# MARYLAND CHAPTER

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## The Maryland Chapter Welcomes Three New Contractors in 2009

2009 has been another great year for gaining new members for the Maryland Chapter NECA. Since October, three contractors have joined the Chapter as Permanent Members.

Our first new member is **Maranto's Electrical Construction**. Mr. Vince Maranto will serve as the company's accredited NECA representative. Maranto's Electrical Construction is located in Bel Air, Maryland, and is a signatory contractor with IBEW Local Union 24.

The next contractor to join the Chapter was **Emerson High Voltage Maintenance**. Mr. Lee Boice will serve as the company's accredited NECA representative. Emerson High Voltage Maintenance is located in Columbia, Maryland, and is a signatory contractor with IBEW Local Union 24.

And finally, the Chapter would like to welcome back Blumenthal Kahn as they are now **BK Truland**. Mr. Bennett Rhodes will serve as the company's accredited NECA representative. BK Truland is located in Owings Mills, Maryland, and is a signatory contractor with IBEW Local Union 24.

Please join *MD NECA News* in welcoming our newest members to the Chapter.



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## Maryland's Unemployment Insurance to Increase in 2010

In October, the DLLR sent out notification that for the calendar year 2010, "Table F will be in effect, and the following is the range of rates and the cost per employee at that table: 2.2% to 13.5% = \$187.00 to \$1,147.50 per employee per calendar year." This increase went up significantly from Table B with the range of 0.6% to 9.0% in 2009.

The DLLR admitted that there is never a good time for a rate shift, but that it was critically important to retain a solvent trust fund. Each company should receive a letter this month providing instructions on how to obtain your specific 2010 rate via telephone. If you have any questions, additional information can be found at the State of Maryland Unemployment website, [www.mdunemployment.com](http://www.mdunemployment.com) or by contacting the Experience Rate Unit at (410) 767-2413.

## Annual Membership Verification

Every year, NECA requests that each member review their NECA membership information for accuracy. The information is published in *The NECA Book*, and is also used by the *NECA Connection*, NECA's referral service for its members.

The easiest way to review your company's information and make any necessary changes or corrections is to go on-line to NECA's private, members-only website, [www.necanet.org/private](http://www.necanet.org/private). You'll need your user name and password to access this site.

Once there, click on *View/Edit my NECA Connection profile*. You will then be able to verify the accuracy of the information listed, and make any appropriate changes.

NECA has set a deadline of December 15 for completing this verification. If you prefer not to make these changes on-line, please call the Chapter office. We will send you a paper copy of your company's current information, which you can mark-up with any changes, and return to the Chapter office. Whichever way you choose, please assist us in making sure that the information on your company is up-to-date and accurate.

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## Local 24 December Wage Increase

The Baltimore Division Agreement with Local 24 has a scheduled one dollar wage/fringe increase effective with the payroll period beginning Sunday, November 29, 2009. The increase was allocated as follows:

Sixty Cents - Wages

Twenty-Five Cents - Severance & Annuity

Fifteen Cents - Pension Fund

Updated *Payroll and Fringe Benefits Bulletins* reflecting these changes were sent to all Baltimore Division members in late November. Should you have any questions or need any further information on these Agreements, please don't hesitate to contact the Chapter office.

## Board of Directors Election

At the January Membership Meeting, elections will be held for the positions of Chapter Governor and Board of Directors. Any permanent Chapter member is eligible to be nominated for these positions. A permanent member is defined as a member with a permanently established place of business in the area served by this Chapter. Nominations for all positions can be made to the Chapter office or from the floor at the meeting. The Governor and Board members are elected for two-year terms. The Governor also serves as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors. Based on our Chapter's membership as of November 30, 2009, there will be seven directors elected from the Baltimore/Eastern Shore Division, and two Directors elected from the Western Maryland Division. If you have any questions about the election procedures, please do not hesitate to contact the Chapter Office.

Immediately following the regular Membership Meeting, the newly elected Board will meet to elect Chapter officers (President, Vice President and Treasurer) for the term.

All Chapter members are encouraged to make every effort to attend this very important meeting.

The following nominations have been made:

Chapter Governor:

Jim Cornelius

Baltimore Division Directors:

Jack Beck, Jr.

Joe Boddiford

Jim Cornelius

Chris Odell

Al Pettie

Doug Stidham

Meetings will be scheduled in January to nominate/vote on the Directors from the Western Maryland and Eastern Shore Divisions.

*Please feel free to contact the Chapter Office with any other nominations before January 25. Nominations from the floor at the meeting will also be taken.*

## Maryland NECA and Local 24 Team Up to Help Support Port Discovery

Port Discovery Children's Museum is a non-profit institution that ranks among the top five children's museums out of over 300 in the country. The Museum offers three floors of interactive exhibitions and programs for children ages 2 through 10 years old. All of Port Discovery's programming initiatives align with the Maryland Model for School Readiness and the Voluntary State Curriculum and focus on the Museum's 5 Platforms of Learning:

1. Early Childhood Learning
2. Healthy Families/Healthy Communities
3. STEM Learning (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)
4. Financial Literacy
5. Creative Arts and Culture



In June 2010, the Museum has the opportunity to host **Bob the Builder – Project: Build It**, a traveling exhibition based on the popular animated television series, Bob the Builder. The Museum sought support from the local trade organizations to help bring this exhibit to Baltimore and provide young children (our future contractors) the opportunity to explore the world of building and repair.

**Bob the Builder — Project: Build It** brings Bob's world to life for girls and boys and their families. Filled with colorful characters, sensational sets and imaginative, entertaining and inspiring teamwork, the exhibit promotes "green" themes from the popular television series by HIT Entertainment.

Visitors can stroll through *Sunflower Valley* and fix, decorate and pretend with hands-on activities that were inspired directly from the Bob the Builder animated show. Operate kid-friendly versions of a drill press and circular saw, design a blue print, or repair a sink in *Bob's*

*Workshop*. Plant a flower garden and decorate *Wendy's Caravan*. You can even "drive" a bulldozer and sort stones to complete the back wall of a life-size *Vehicle Shelter*!

All senses will be stimulated as boys and girls build, learn and play in the Bob the Builder exhibit to help their favorite builder and his team of animated machines get the job done! Whether you have kids or not, check out the "Bob the Builder" exhibit next summer at the Port Discovery Children's Museum.

For more information on Port Discovery, go to [www.portdiscovery.org](http://www.portdiscovery.org)

For more information on Bob the Builder - Project: Build It, go to [www.bobthebuilder.com](http://www.bobthebuilder.com)


**PORT DISCOVERY**  
**Children's Museum**

**Monthly Payroll Reports**

**August 2009**

Local Union	# of Employees	Hours Reported
LU 24-Balto	2,153	337,330
LU 24-ES	54	8,734
LU 70	67	12,055
LU 307	253	31,974
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,527</b>	<b>390,093</b>

Note: "Number of Employees" and "Hours Reported" figures include non-bargaining unit employees who are listed on the monthly reports.



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**Calendar of Events  
December / January**

**DECEMBER**

- Dec 8: Chapter Board of Directors Meeting  
Ruth's Chris Steak House  
12:00 PM
- Dec. 16: Chapter Holiday Luncheon  
Sparrows Point Country Club  
12:00 PM
- Dec. 25: Christmas Day  
*Chapter Office Closed*

**JANUARY**

- Jan. 1: New Year's Day  
*Chapter Office Closed*
- Jan. 12 Chapter Board of Directors Meeting  
Chapter Office  
12:00 PM
- Jan. 19: ACE Maryland Reception  
The Calvert House  
Annapolis, MD  
6:00 PM
- Jan. 26 Chapter Membership Meeting  
Four Points Sheraton BWI  
5:30 PM
- Jan. 28-29 Employee Benefits Conference  
Naples, FL

**Annual Holiday Luncheon  
December 16**

The Chapter's annual holiday luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16 at Noon at Sparrows Point Country Club in Baltimore. Invitations to this event were sent to all members and guests in late November. Please let us know by December 9 if you plan to attend.

We look forward to the opportunity to extend holiday greetings to everyone at this luncheon.

